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SUBJ: PROFESSORS TAYLOR AND LIPSON PRESENT

PETITIONS ON SOVIET PRISONERS

REF: A. MOSCOW 5058 OF APRIL 6, 1974

1. PROFESSORS TELFORD TAYLOR AND LEON LIPSON ARRIVED IN MOSCOW JUNE 10 TO ATTEMPT TO PRESENT PETITIONS ON BEHALF OF 19 SOVIET PRISONERS, MOST OF THEM JEWS WHO HAVE RELATIVES IN ISRAEL AND WERE SENTENCED IN CONNECTION WITH LENINGRAD HIJACKING CASE (REFTEL. EMBASSY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR PROFESSORS WITH PROCURATOR GENERAL RUDENKO, AND HE RECEIVED THEM JUNE 12.

2. AFTER MEETING, TAYLOR AND LIPSON TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEY HAD BEEN RECEIVED CORDIALLY BY RUDENKO AND THAT PETITIONS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. RUDENKO WAS UNYIELDING, HOWEVER, AS TO MERITS OF CASES, SAYING HE THOUGHT IT "CURIOUS" THAT U.S. PROFESSORS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CASES INVOLVING HIJACKING, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED A GRAVE OFFENSE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE SAID PROCURACY WOULD EXAMINE THE PETITIONS BUT DID  
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NOT GIVE MUCH HOPE OF ANY FAVORABLE DECISION. TAYLOR

AND LIPSON PLAN TO STAY UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE 17, WHEN THEY WERE ASKED TO CALL FIRST DEPUTY PROCURATOR GENERAL MALYAROV FOR INDICATION OF STATUS OF THE PETITIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING THAT TAYLOR AND LIPSON HAVE GOTTEN AS FAR AS THEY HAVE IN AN ACTIVITY WHICH SOVIETS MIGHT NORMALLY CONSIDER INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WHILE RUDENKO MADE NO PROMISES AS TO ACTION ON PETIONS, THE FACT THAT HE ACCEPTED THEM SEEMS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TAYLOR AND LIPSON HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN REPRESENTING ISRAELI RELATIVES OF PRISONERS. CORDIAL RECEPTION MAY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH TAYLOR'S PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION WITH RUDENKO AT NUREMBERG TRIALS, BUT TAYLOR NOTED THAT RUDENKO HAD SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED (ALTHOUGH NOT IN CONNECTION WITH PETITIONS) PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND RECENT SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT TO U.S. AS EXAMPLES OF IMPROVED RELATIONS.

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